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VETERANS IN GRAY **WILL NOT ABANDON** ANNUAL REUNIONS

So Long as Handful Is Left, They Will Have Their Gatherings.

PROPOSAL IS DISMISSED WITH STORM OF PROTEST

South's Soldiers at Birmingham Again Renew Allegiance to Union.

PLEDGE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Men Who Fought for Confederacy Given Warm Welcome in Alabama City.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 16 .- There handful left to reunite, according to ession of the twenty-sixth annual rerans here to-day. The suggestion that the annual gatherings be discontinued net with loud protests from the au dience which packed the Bijou Theater

TO STARS AND STRIPES Before the speeches of welcome and sponse were well launched, General Hooper, of Selma, Ala., commander of the Alabama Division of veterans, presented resolutions pledging government of the United States. They vere adopted by a rising vote, amid scenes of great enthusiasm, and a cop transferred to President Wilson

We, the United Confederate Vetrans, in reunion assembled at Birm. It Is Proposed to Set Aside May 28 ingham, do hereby again renew and declare our unfaitering allegiance to the government of the United States i its hour of great international

"We took up arms against the govour homes and firesides, to preserve and maintain the principles of States' rights, and, although the arbitrament arms was against us, we lost neither courage, our manhood, nor our

f the Confederate States of America oes hereby offer itself, its sons and united country, which we love and seek recommend that every man

sixteen years of age rebe required to make immediate property or liberty of its people." General John G. Smith, who was ill.

more than 4,000 old soldiers were fed

federate Soldier," by John T. Goolrick, and a musical program. A together occasion for the old soldiers hen, grouped under State banners, they exchanged visits in Capitol Park

To-night the annual oration of the veterans by Irvin S. Cobb, the well-Daughters of the Confederacy by the

RAIN BRINGS COMPORT TO

made the temperature more comfortable for the veterans and visitors when the first session was called to order to suffocation when R. W. Massey, chairman of the local program committee, rapped for order.

The "ylp-yip" of the old war cry other melodies of the South. A group of old soldiers of the Forrest Cavalry be even more extensive than in Belsinging old airs Iso attracted considerable attention, and brought tears seventy-odd years brought a cheer sands of Serbians destitute in France. when they called on two old soldiers

Addresses of welcome by city and State officials and responses on behalf of the visitors made up the morning program, with the address of General and children, of whom 3,500,000 "are in of veterans, the leading feature. The death facing them unless reliaf comes invocation was delivered by Rev. J. W. speedily." Bachman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., chaplain-general of the organization. Songs

formed part of the program. The report of the committee on credentials showed there were nearly 900 votes represented in the convention. It was stated that the annual decrease

in membership due to death averaged 14 per cent. YOUNG PAYS TRIBUTE

TO GLORY OF ALABAMA In responding to the welcomes, General Young declared it was unneces-(Continued on Second Page.)

He's for Preparedness



Thomas A. Edison, of the Naval Advisory Board, marching in the great preparedness parade in New York on

CHURCHES CALLED UPON TO AID WAR SUFFERERS

as Memorial Sunday in Their Behalf.

NEED GREAT AND IMMEDIATE

Appeal Is Sent to 100,000 American Ministers by Federated Council of the Constitution makes the Supreme Churches of Christ in America. Millions Face Death by Starvation.

NEW YORK, May 16 .- An appeal to

other like officer under to assist destitute and starving persons the law, and there swear in Europe and Asia, but to begin also himself to loyally support the govern- Christian churches to play the vital that must follow the close of the war

Funds raised on May 28 will be sent General Hooper spoke in place of to the treasurer of the international relief committee, which may be desig-THAN 4,000 nated among the various organizations Justice Fuller, dismissing the de-OLD SOLDIERS AT DINNER listed in the appeal. These include murrer, replied in effect that the Su-At the camp on the fair grounds in Belgium, Northern France, Serbia, force its orders. Poland, East Prussia, Armenia, Persia, of roast beef and brown gravy, pota- Syria, Turkey and Montenegro and in

EVEN CHURCH RULES The appeal points out that "some hurches do not favor special appeals." but that a "crisis transcends all ordinary rules, and even church rules."

The appeal is the fruit of "nine thoughtful representative conferences at the end of a series of conferences among church leaders and of a journey by Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, gencal members and the first of the big eral secretary of the council, during balls in compliment to the veterans, which he interviewed many responsible sons, daughters, sponsors and maids men, both in Europe and America." The co-operation of church federations, ministerial associations, denominational VETERANS AND VISITORS boards, religious journals and kindred Heavy rain during the night had institutions will be sought, and the initial appeal will be followed up "so long as necessity may exist."

The needs for funds are described in to-day. The Bijou Theater, where the meetings are being held, was packed and increasing." Some of these are classified as follows:

In Belgium 3,000,000 persons are virtually destitute, and \$5,000,000

In Northern France more than 2,230. responded to the strains of "Dixie," 000 persons are desperately in need. "Old Black Joe," "Suwanec River" and These include 175,000 children who are refugees. The distress is declared to

In Serbia 5,000,000 persons have been to the eyes of many. When a lively "deprived of their living and of a their indifference to Virginia's claim, an easy road which leads to Bagdad

POLAND HAS 11,000,000

HOMELESS PEASANTS In Poland there are 11,000,000 homeless, wandering peasants, mostly women Bennett H. Young, commanding general a condition of starvation, with certain

In East Prussia thousands have been driven from their homes and deprived United Confederate choirs also of their livelihood, and the suffering is

In Armenia only relief given by Americans, it is stated, will thwart the camps in good standing, with 1.760 destruction of a race. There are 500,-000 refugees in Armenia and 300,000

in Turkey. "A \$1 per member offering for this great cause would not seem an unreasonable self-sacrifice," says the council's appeal, copies of which the ministers are urged to place in the hands of their church people, "yet such a total would mean incalculable help sary for the city to go to so much and blessing to many innocent victims

TO FORCE PAYMENT RUSSIANS PRESS President Describes BY WEST VIRGINIA ON TOWARD BAGDAD

State Will Apply to United Turkish Army in Mesopotamia States Supreme Court for Exe-

cution of Judgment.

to Collect \$12,000,000 Due

This Commonwealth.

A telegram received by the Attorney-

General yesterday from Samuel W.

the Attorney-General of West Virginia

istory, and would establish a new

about with doubt. Constitutional au-

Supreme Court to resort to actual levy

and sale of State property to compel

Court the tribunal for the adjustment

of disputes between States, it nowhere

specifically describes the machinery for

enforcing its decisions in the event

the Supreme Court of the United States

the consideration of this case merely

for the purpose of rendering an empty

as devoted months of hard work to

opinion of Attorney-General

TO VIRGINIA'S CLAIM

The decision to apply for a writ of

execution was reached a few days ago,

the hands of the Supreme Court.

Although it has been almost a year

since the Supreme Court adjudged West Virginia to be indebted in the sum of

more than \$12,000,000 to the bond-

holders represented by the State of

Virginia officials in connection with the

With the Commonwealth's applica-

tion for a writ of execution will be

filed the correspondence that has

ing, of the Virginia Debt Commission,

and Governor H. D. Hatfield, of West

Virginia. This covers a period from

1915, and relates to the proposal of

another joint conference be held for

the purpose of discussing the Supreme

Court's judgment. The conference was

never held. A letter addressed by Mr.

Downing to Governor Hatfield, on De-

cember 6, 1915, asking for an early

gested conference, was never answered.

Supreme Court will be watched with

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reply with information as to the sug-

passed between Chairman H. H. Down

accorded the courtesy of a reply

JOINT CONFERENCE IS

bondholders.

they are ignored.

COURT HAS POWER TO

ment and the constituent States.

that has been determined upon.

now apprised of the drastic step

May Be Cut Off by Duke

Seeks to Levy on Public Property Austrians Overwhelm Italians in Battle on Southern Tyrol

last June by the United States Supreme Kurdistan toward Mosul, the Russian Court, Attorney-General Pollard, by objective being the Bagdad railway, deputy, yesterday served notice in are related in the latest official communications from Vienna and Petro-In the other theaters there is A. A. Lilly, of that State, that much artillery fighting, but little he will on June 5 apply to the Supreme activity by the infantry.

Court for a writ of execution directing and southeast of Trent, in Southern ginta for the satisfaction of the Judg- points, taking prisoner 2,565 men, Bigger, who was detailed to serve the into Italian trenches east of Monfal-Trieste, and the capture here of addiby Vienna.

Petrograd reports that the Russian force which recently drove out the METHOD OF PROCEDURE Turks from the Rowandus region is respect me, then for the sake of his To the northwest, around Diarjudgment, the marshal of that court bekr, the Turks attempted an attack European situation, because will be called upon to sell, in the man- on the Russians, but were repulsed. ner prescribed by law, enough of the

Such a proceeding of both the Germans and the entente would be without parallel in American allies continues active, being especially lefinition of the sovereignty relations proceeding is hedged Verdun. The Germans have directed infantry attack against the thorities differ as to the power of the French positions on hill No. 334, for the possession of which there has been

tween Dvinsk and Vilna attacked and occupied advanced Russian trenches The Russians, however, in a counterattack, expelled the invaders and drove them back to their ACT, ASSERTS POLLARD region launched an attack against the Russian trenches, but were repulsed.

vance of Russians southward from the Urumiah region toward Mosul, in Assyria, on the Tigris, which resulted recently in the occupation of Rowandus, the Russians are now bringing fresh sel for West Virginia, demurred to the Turkish armies in the Supreme Court is without Mesopotamia. The hope is now enterjurisdiction, and could not enforce a judgment against West Virginia should only Bagdad, the holy city of the

preme Court would find a way to en-Czar's army and Mosul is the ancient accompany me and count the people "The Supreme Court is designated fortified city of Jezirch-ibn-Omar, on an by the Constitution to adjust disputes toes, rice, break and coffee. At the the various prison camps in which between States. It is a court, and not of Diarbekr. It is believed that this hospital only sixteen were reported on the sick list.

In the afternoon the veterans and visitors heard an address on "The Constitution of the sixth already has broken the backbone of the Court would be empty and without Turkish communications between Diarbekr and Mosul.

Some 200 miles southward another group of Russian forces, drawn up on the Persian - Turkish border before Khanikin, is prepared to strike through

in Philadelphia and Washington be-The combined pressure from these ween members of the Virginia Debt two directions upon the Turkish rear has placed the entire Turkish army in Commission, Attorney-General Pollard and Attorneys John G. Johnson and Mesopotamia, estimated at between six Sanford Robinson, counsel for the jeopardy. According to the latest dis-It became clear to the Virginia aupatches, the Turks have been forced thorities that West Virginia had entered upon a policy of total indifference to the claim, and that to expect that State to take the initiative in bringing been won by the Russians will soon about a satisfaction of the judgment have an effect upon the fortunes of the control from the guiding hand. was futile. There followed the final conferences of the last few days with the decision to seek further relief at

RUSSIAN ANNOUNCEMENT MAY

ginia authorities addressed to West dad Railway joins the Tigris. Nineveh, where the German Bag-

Germany has hurriedly dispatched debt controversy have not even been forces, it is believed, to the Turkish center at Erzingan, to try to stem the Russian advance, but apparently these NEVER CALLED TOGETHER efforts have come too late.

West Virginia commission that than 2,500 prisoners, seven cannon and eleven machine guns in these opera-The statement follows:

"Italian front: Southern Tyrol: Aus tro-Hungarian troops, with the aid of an overwhelming artillery fire, captured first-line enemy positions on the Armentara ridge, in the southern plateau, in the northern Cagnola Valley, and south of Rovereto. In these

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WILLING TO HAVE Troubles in Handling European Situation

FORMAL NOTICE SERVED GERMAN AID IS TOO LATE The Difficulty of Deciding What to Do Kept Him Awake Nights, HeTells National Press Club.

> WASHINGTON, May 16 .- President gathered at the National Press Club. notives which have guided his han-

responsibility." the great nations of the world, and therefore must act "more or less from world.

fluence over a man except by occasionsoul I have got to occasionally knock

The President declared he had been kept awake nights considering the are proudest of the ability to do, there might come a time when the United On the greater portion of the line States would have to do what it did prefer not to do it; and the great bur-President to do as he pleased. "If I more interesting," he said.

> OF PUBLIC MEN Impressions of public men as a class vere given frankly by the President. with the comment some swelled. He also discussed the relations of the newspapers to the affairs of the nation, and sounded a warning that false information about foreign affairs was more than likely

to lead to trouble. The President's remarks as original-In the lower Stripa ly delivered were read by him careof Galicia the Teutons fully before being made public, but no important portions were eliminated, and the wording was not changed sub-

In beginning his speech, the Presi-THROWN ON TURKISH REAR dent made reference to his previous PETROGRAD, May 16 .- With the ad- visit to the club and to his statement at that time that he felt constantly a personal detachment from the presi

end," he said in that connection, "of President of the United States. If I Mesopotamia. The hope is now enter-tained in Petrograd of bringing, not only Bagdad, the holy city of the caliphs, but the entire historic coun-Euphrates under Russian dominion. Year, save the census-takers a great POINTS OUT DANGERS The only serious obstacle between the deal of trouble by asking them to

not looked forward."

TURN OF WHEEL OF FORTUNE

and seven divisions, in the greatest he continued, we are dealing with things that to Americans are more or less calculable, but when the fortunes this, gentlemen, the only thing to relax to a great extent their re- of the country are subject to the "in- saves the world is the little handful of calculable winds of passion that are disinterested men that are in it." army and rush troops northward. Thus, blowing through the other parts of the it is believed, the successes which have world there is no knowing what turn of the wheel of fortune may wrest

the passion of the nation lies," said the willing to die in obscurity if only they VEIL IMPORTANT NEWS Overborne by the rush of fortune in MEN TAKING OFFICE President, "that passion may be so might serve. LONDON, May 16.—The Russian an- circumstances like those which now nouncement that the advance on Mosul exist that you feel the sort of-I had continues, probably veils important almost said resentment that a man news. It is considered not unlikely feels when his own affairs are not either grows or swells," he continued, that the Bagdad Railway, which runs within his own hands. You the function of the satisfaction of the judgment. Its Legislature ignored the matter entirely, and its public men have on numerous occasions expressed their indifference to Virginia's claim.

The Russian advance in this direction has been swift and silent towards an easy road which leads to Bagdad way beyond a certain point of the surface and that the Bagdad Railway, which runs within his own affairs are not within his own hands. You can in lighter vein, "and when I give a man office I watch him carefully to see whether he is swelling or growing. The mischief of it is that when they that that spirit cannot have its own burst. If they would only swell to the point way beyond a certain point. of the greatest points of strain upon

Chief wish of America is for peace.

One is that they love peace and have nothing to do with the present quarrel; and the other is that they believe the present quarrel has carried these the present quarrel has carried these the present quarrel has carried these the present quarrel has carried the present quarrel has been there and fire has been the present quarrel has been there and fire has been the present quarrel has carried the present quarrel has been there and fire has been the present quarrel has been the present quarrel has carried the present quarrel has been the prese AUSTRIANS OVERWHELM

PALIANS IN BATTLE

BERLIN, May 16 (by wireless).—
Italian first-line positions in several sectors have been captured by the Austrians, after concentrated artillery

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since the rest of the world is mad.

Tel; and the other is that they believe the present quarrel has carried those engaged in it so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility, and that, therefore, as some men have expressed it to me, trians, after concentrated artillery

Tel; and the other is that they believe the present quarrel has carried those engaged in it so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility, and that, therefore, as some men have expressed it to me, trians, after concentrated artillery since the rest of the world is mad. have anything to do with the rest of

PASSION OF AMERICA

points of view the passion of America was for peace, I was, nevertheless, ware that America is one of the nations of the world, not only, but one

grows morally more and more influential, even when she is not aware of which she covets, it is necessary that

If I cannot retain my moral indelivered confidentially last in-isn't it in Ralph Connor's stories his successful sky pilots are ready for a crisis at any time, and how the ultimate salvation of the souls of their parishioners depends upon their using boy's moral sense is through his cutiarrest his attention first in that way. to him in milder ways that if he were grown up, would be the only ways you would use.

I say that I have been aware laxed greatly. might come a time when we would uation less acute than it has been as den on my spirits, gentlemen, has been that it has been up to me to choose when that time came. Can you imagine a thing more calculated to keep was the whole thing and was aware hension as to the that my duty was a duty of interpre-tation, how could I be sure that I had which to interpret truly.

The people of the United States are wn thinking, and are not asking anyselves, every man for himself; and you not know what they are thinking about. I have the most imperfect means of finding out, and yet I have toward intervention, got to act as if I knew. That is the The Mexican confe men, it is a pretty serious burden, parbeen very much more interesting that it has been. I am put here to interpret,

Referring to the difference in inter- can troops would be recalled. dency.
"I am constantly reminded as I go dealing with foreign affairs the speakabout, as I do sometimes at the weekretiring to the district and in CHANGE IN HIS VIEWS

CAUSED BY REMARKS ing: "Now that is pretty dangerous, genjib is unmistakable, and that I must on the Mexican border. Thoughts may be invaders. Thoughts may be invaders of international peace, and when you reflect upon the importance of this country keeping out of the Glenn Springs and Boquillas. ence with my anticipations, I, of course, have been aware that I was taken by surprise because of the promitation by surprise by surpri somebody does not keep the processes of pace going, if somebody does not keep their passions disengaged, by what impartial judgment and sugges HARD TO FIGURE OUT tion is the world to be aided in a solu-When dealing with domestic affairs, tion when the whole thing is over? If you are in a conference in which you General Pershing's forces. know nobody is disinterested, how are

"It makes no difference how deep he passion of the nation lies" said the

EITHER GROW OR SWELL ORDERS OF OBREGON "A friend of mine says that every way beyond a certain point. And one point where you might insert a pin and let the gases out, it would be a great delight. But the men who grow, the me, if I may be permitted to point it men who think better a year after they out, was this:

"There are two reasons why the chief wish of America is for peace.

"There are two reasons why the chief wish of America is for peace.

"There are two reasons why the chief who think oetter a year after they are put in office, are the balance wheel of the whole thing."

the world in the ordinary channels of action? Why not let the storm pass, and then, when it is all over, have the (Continued on Second Page.)

Endeavor to Prove Ability to Control Situation. FINALLY IS CONVINCED OF KINDLY INTENTIONS

First Chief No Longer Believes Washington Is Bent on

Intervention.

Critical.

TANGLE IS CLEARING AWAY Scott Convinced That Border Trouble Has Become Less

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- An optimisand General Obregon, said Mr. Baker MIGHT HAVE TO DO WHAT
WE DID NOT WANT TO DO and tension along the border has re

the expedition was in reality a step

of it, and I tell you, gentle- convince the Mexican War Minister and striking accomplishment of Generals Scott and Funston lay in the fact that they succeeded in doing this without

The change in General clearly indicated by prom Some ises he made at the conclusion of the pledges, interpreted as forming an unwritten agreement, include the follow-

on the spot. Sometimes, when I am most beset I seriously think of renting a pair of whiskers or of doing of the court of t

captured and carried away by the bandits. That no troops will be removed

from the forces in Conora State through Pulpit Pass to operate in the rear of While General Scott clearly stated to

General Obregon that United States troops would stay in Mexico until Carranza forces had fully demonstrated The President said he had found dis- their ability to handle the bandit sitinterested men and that he tied to uation, assurances, were given that them as to an anchor. They are men. American troops would not operate in he said, who would give their lives for parts where Carranza forces were parts where Carranza forces were active. No attempts at co-operative troop movements will be made unless it be by arrangements of the local commanders, American and Mexican.

PROMPTLY CARRIED OUT

General Scott said to-day that recent reports of Carranza troop movements in the region south of General Pershing. growing, in his opinion, showed General Obregon's orders were being carried out

General Obregon was in constant telegraphic communication with General Carranza during the conference, General Scott said, and there is no question but that the de facto government will attempt to show its ability

the right thing, no matter whom it progress was being made by the Car-

ASSION OF AMERICA

DECIDEDLY FOR PEACE

"Knowing that from both these two oints of view the passion of America as for peace, f was, nevertheless," "Alice in Wonderland," who with the American troops be allowed to stay in willing to print. To illustrate the need Arredondo, Mexican ambassador-desig-"Alice in Wonderland," who, with the American troops be allowed to stay in Mexico.